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LINCOLN

Chief of Station, Guatemala []

KUCOWN Operational Report - ESSENCE

1. Attached is an operational report from Eliot P. RAZMARA covering his contact with ESSENCE on 24 May 1954.
2. The subject matter of paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 was cabled to LINCOLN, information SHERWOOD.
3. Enclosure 2 contains two anecdotes regarding Jose Manuel FORTUNE and Guillermo TORIELLO.

George L. Tranger

Attachments: (2)

27 May 1954

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25 May 1954

SUBJECT: Meeting Between CARTER and ALBERTO

1. A meeting occurred between Oscar H. CARTER and ALBERTO on Monday night, 24 May.

2. Marking of "32's" will begin around 10:00 P.M. Wednesday evening, 26 May, and will continue until at least 2:00 or 3:00 A.M. the morning of the 27th, unless police action is so heavy as to prevent this.

3. It is the intention of CARTER to use red paint on the gasolinera at the corner of Avenida Bolívar and la Avenida. "32's" in crayon will be used to mark the rest rooms of the Lux Theater.

4. CARTER requests that no strong tie-up be made between the outside and the painting of the "32's". He states that although none of the persons to be engaged in this present painting action may be caught, the police can always retake the prisoners they captured previously in connection with "32's", and if enough pressure or torture is applied, other persons can be involved to the detriment of the group.

5. Rodolfo Rivera Ariza, the father of the Rivera boy, leaves Wednesday for San Salvador. CARTER has persuaded him that he should not go to Honduras. Sr. Rivera will be at the Nuevo Mundo Hotel in San Salvador Wednesday to Friday. CARTER requests that someone contact him there and give him word in regard to his son. Otherwise, Sr. Rivera is going on to Honduras.

6. Some copies of the latest issue of "El Rebelde" have been brought out of the imprenta. However, the owner is so frightened and worried over the police interference that he insists the issues be smuggled out very carefully. This is true also of the ~~vehantes~~ which have been prepared.

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7. The plans and first steps in the organization of the propaganda underground are progressing smoothly.

[] The first two mimeograph machines and typewriters will be bought today or tomorrow.

8. In Zacapa it is reported that 10 more Guardias Civiles have arrived, with machine guns.

9. There are patrols in light cars (not jeeps) on all the roads and the railway line. The bridges also are guarded. Reportedly each complete train which leaves from Puerto Barrios contains a flat car on which is mounted a machine gun (ametralladora de pie).

10. The groups reports that its men in Puerto Barrios are ready and anxious for action.

11. CARTER can change another [] for quetzales.

12. I will pass the money, two pistols, and the ditto-machine, (and anything else available) to CARTER tonight.

13. Police arrested anti-Communists in several small towns, including Jicaro and Estanzuela (?) in the past two or three days on various charges (trumped up). These prisoners have now been released.

14. CARTER sends his greetings to PANCHO and asks that he be excused for not having written him directly, but that he has been too busy, and furthermore is not good at letter writing.

15. The next meeting between CARTER and ALBERTO is scheduled for Tuesday night, 25 May.

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ALBERTO

25 May 1954

1. The following incident is reported to be true:

José Manuel Fortuny recently had a birthday. A large cake was ordered for the guests, and was placed in a room apart from the general reunion. At the hour for the serving of refreshments Fortuny invited his guests to pass into the other room - and there was the Birthday cake with a large sign stuck on it, bearing "32".

2. The following is a joke going around concerning Willie Toriello:

Recién regresado de Caracas, Toriello fué a una recepción con un elegante "frac" que él había comprado.

Al verlo, un invitado le dijo:

!Qué "fracaso" te trajiste de Caracas!

Toriello le contestó:

!No- es de-sastre guatemalteco!

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